Howland Wood - Curatorial

Trenton Trust Company
[Trenton, NJ]

1928-1936

28 WEST STATE STREET

TRENTON TRUST COMPANY

TRENTON, N. J.

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April 26, 1928.

American Numismatic Society,
155th St & Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:- Attention Mr. Robertson.

Confirming our conversation of recent date I herewith make formal application for the loan of your Traveling Coin Collection to be used by us early in 1929. You suggested that we might borrow them for a month; since that time our bank has taken over two other large banks in Trenton and if possible I would like to use these coins in these two banks also as they are remote from one another and from the Home Bank. If you can do anything for us in the continuation of the loan we would appreciate it very much.

If you happen to have in your duplicates a Joachimthaler and a English Coin of the Commonwealth we could use them to good advantage.

Yours very truly,

W B Hansel

Curator.

May 12th, 1928.

Mr. W. R. Hansel- Curator,
Trenton Trust Company,
Trenton, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of April 26th.

We would be very pleased to let you have our Traveling Exhibit of Coins for three months during the early part of 1929. We would appreciate it, if you would let us know a few weeks in advance, when you would want this collection.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

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December 11, 1928.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 155th St.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wood:-

Just a reminder of a very good letter I received from you in the early part of May about the loan of your Traveling Collection.

We will be ready to use the collection as soon after January 1st as you can let us have it.

I will call on you some day between Christmas and New Years and confirm this letter.

Thanking you for all the courtesies you have extended to me during the past year and wishing you all the compliments of the Season, I remain,

Yours very truly,

W B Hauser

Curator.

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Rutgers Univ Library.
New Brunswick
N.J.

17th December, 1928

Mr. W. B. Housel, Curator,
Trenton Trust Company,
Trenton, N. J.

Dear Mr. Housel:

Our Traveling Exhibit is now on view at the Rutgers University Library, New Brunswick, N. J. They will have finished with it and will have it ready to deliver to you on December 31st. I have requested them to deliver this package to you and am herewith enclosing an order on the Rutgers University Library to deliver this package to your messenger or agent. You might telephone them just when it will be agreeable for you to send for the box. It weighs only about ten pounds and is not large.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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TRENTON, N. J.

December 18, 1928.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 155th St.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wood:-

Thanks for your very good letter. I will communicate with Rutgers Library and send our messenger for the Traveling Coin Collection one day the first week in the new year.

Yours with the Seasons Greetings

W B Hounsel
Curator.

15th April, 1929

Trenton Trust Company,
Trenton, N. J.

Attention of Mr. W. B. Hausel

Dear Mr. Hausel:

I am returning under separate cover the Roman coins sent to us some time ago to be attributed. Also the Chinese coin of Pu, Emperor Wang Mang.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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TRENTON, N. J.

April 20, 1929.

The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 155th St.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:- Attention Mr. Howland Wood.

I have your memo of the first of the week in which you say that you are sending my Roman Coins and the "Fork" coin of Emperor Wangmang.

Will you please check up and see if these coins have really left your office as they have not arrived to-date.

Yours very truly,

W. B. Housel

W. B. Housel. Curator.

22d April, 1929

Trenton Trust Company,
28 West State Street,
Trenton, N.J.

Attention of Mr. W. B. Housel.

Dear Mr. Housel:

The Roman coins and the piece of Emperor Wang Mang were sent you by first class mail, insured, on April 17th. I trust that by this time they are in your possession.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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February 2, 1932.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Our Curator, William B. Housel, is arranging some George Washington exhibits for our Bank during the coming months. Would it be possible for us to secure the loan of some Washington medals for this purpose? We have show-cases especially prepared for such exhibits, and will appreciate your courtesy.

Very truly yours,

H. A. Smith

President.

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February 9, 1932.

Mr. H. A. Smith, President
The Trenton Trust Company
28 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Council has passed upon your request concerning a loan of Washington medals for exhibition in your bank. Kindly let us know whether we shall express these to you or whether you will call for them.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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TRENTON, N. J.

Feb. 11, 1932.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th. Street,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Wood:-

Thanks a lot for your very good letter concerning the action of the Council in the matter of loaning us some Washington Medals.

Kindly send them to us by express collect. Again thanking you personally, I am,

Yours very truly,

Wm. B. Housel

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February 15, 1932.

Mr. William B. Housel
Trenton Trust Company
28 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Housel:

We are sending you today the Washington medals by express collect, as you wrote me. Many thanks for the match book cover.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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Nov. 21, 1932.

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 155 th. St.,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

A customer of ours who seems to be out of funds would like to sell a gold Congressional Medal. It is about 1 3/4" diameter and about 1/8' thick. It seems to be in mint condition. Act 1874--has picture of a rescue at sea on one side andname of hero on the other.

Can you tell me if these medals are solid gold and if they have any value above their value for old gold.

Very truly yours,

Wm. B. Housel

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EDWARD T. NEWELL
PRESIDENT

SYDNEY P. NOE
SECRETARY

CABLE ADDRESS:
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HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM
TREASURER

HOWLAND WOOD
CURATOR

TELEPHONE:
AUDUBON 3-4141

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH
AND 156TH STREETS
NEW YORK

November 22, 1932.

Mr. Wm. B. Housel
Trenton Trust Company
Trenton, N. J.

Dear Mr. Housel:

The Congressional Medal for Saving Life comes in gold and silver. The piece you mention is the small size and of the last or present size made. If engraved with the man's name and the date and instance for what it was given it is really worth more than its gold value. Unfortunately there are few collectors of these and the only collector I can think of at the present moment has several. If this piece is engraved and is suspended from an attachment of an eagle's head with a red ribbon we would make an offer of 10% over gold value; if without the attachment 5% over the gold value. They were given out both ways. In normal times they might be worth a little more than this but that is all we can afford to pay and I much doubt if anyone else would give more.

Very truly yours,

Howland Wood

Curator

HW:JG

November 22, 1932.

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Trenton Trust Company
Trenton, N. J.

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Oct. 30. 1936.

Mr. Hamland Wood.
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:- There has been a question raised by a new director about disposing of our collection of U.S. Coins and Postage Stamps, but the management does not want to do it.

Will you write a letter to and send it to me, giving your views as to the publicity and investment value of such a collection to a Bank?

TRENTON TRUST COMPANY

A word to the effect that the Bank has a good man in Mr Hansel would be appreciated if you can do so with out using too much imagination. Thank you

Chas B Hansel

November 6, 1936

Trenton Trust Company,
28 West State Street,
Trenton, N. J.

Gentlemen:

I have been asked to give my opinion as to whether a collection of United States coins and stamps is of any value to a bank.

I have known and heard of several instances where banks have formed a collection of coins for publicity purposes and as far as I know have been satisfied with the investment and have gained publicity thereby.

For a number of years there was a travelling exhibition of coins run by a Mr. Zerbe that catered almost entirely to banks. This exhibit was made on the bank premises for a week or so and advertising supplied. Several years ago after mature deliberation the Chase National Bank bought this collection and since then it has occupied a large room on the bank property with several assistants and attendants. I understand the bank considers this a paying advertising proposition. Since this travelling exhibit is no longer available several banks throughout the country have either acquired or have borrowed coin collections for display purposes.

I consider the Trenton Trust Company has a good asset in this collection and the publicity that it shoud bring in. I consider them very fortunate in having Mr. Housel taking the interest he does in it.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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